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Applicant: Aboul-Hosn et al. Docket No.: 9261.16761-CIP 3
Serial No.: 09/481,730 Examiner: W. Matthews
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Title: Methods and Systems for Providing Right and/or Left Heart Support During Cardiac Surgery

AMENDMENT B
SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, which was designated a Final Action. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and advance prosecution.

An automatic two month extension of time to respond, up to and including February 29, 2004, has been requested with the filing of the RCE. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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